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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, JO

SUBJECT: SURPLUS U. S. ARMY L-19 AIRCRAFT FOR JORDAN

- 1. KING HUSSEIN HAS EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST IN OBTAINING AN L-19 ARTILLERY SPOTTING PLANE FOR USE IN PRE-FLIGHT TRAINING OF ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE PILOT CANDIDATES. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED BY A GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED (BUT PRIVATE) SOARING CLUB. KING HUSSEIN UNDERSTANDS THAT L-19 ARTILLERY SPOTTING PLANE, NOW IN U. S. ARMY SURPLUS, WOULD BE IDEAL AS A TOW PLANE FOR TWO-PLACE GLIDERS THAT CLUB WILL BE ACQUIRING. KING'S ADVISORS HAVE INFORMED HIM THEY UNDERSTAND THAT SINGLE ENGINE L-19 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE ON A SURPLUS BASIS FOR PRICE OF \$3,000 \$6,000.
- 2. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF L19 AIRCRAFT IS APPROPRIATE AS A TOW PLANE. (2) WE WOULD
 APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND DOD DETERMINING IF THERE ARE ANY
 L-19'S AVAILABLE IN U. S. MILITARY SURPLUS, AND, IF NOT,
 WHETHER ANY SIMILAR AIRCRAFT IN SURPLUS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.
 WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A PROCEDURE
 WHEREBY THEY CAN BE ACQUIRED BY RJAF.
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3. IN VIEW OF KING HUSSEIN'S PERSONAL INTEREST, EMBASSY REQUESTS EXPEDITIOUS REPLY. SUDDARTH

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